

CITY LOOKING FOR PUBLIC INPUT TO LIBRARY PLAZA PROJECT



The purpose of the Library Plaza Improvements Project is to create a safe, inviting public gathering place and entrance to Santa Barbara's Central Library on Anapamu Street, in the city's downtown cultural district.

The first public workshop was held on Saturday, July 16th. The participants at that workshop were provided with a variety of situations in which visitors to the central library might find themselves, then toured the plaza and landscaped area to "see" the plaza through different user's eyes. They then worked in small groups for another two hours articulating their ideas and solutions on plans of the existing grounds. Each group then presented their design concepts to all the participants.

The second public workshops on the Library Plaza Improvements Project will be held in the Faulkner Gallery on Tuesday, September 13th starting at 5:30PM. At the second workshop, the consultants will present design options compiled from the suggestions provided at the first workshop for people to critique and refine.



This is another chance for members of the public to contribute to the proposed design concept. Everyone is welcome to participate in Workshop #2. There is no need to have attended the first workshop as new comers and fresh ideas will be welcomed! Plan to spend about 2.5 hours at the workshop. Light refreshments will be served.

The consultants will then incorporate the revisions and prepare a proposed concept design or designs for review by the Historic Landmarks Commission. Once the HLC approves the concept design, the project will move to the next step to produce a preliminary design for HLC and City Council review and approval. More public workshops will be part of that step as well.

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